Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

3032. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Body and the Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, duly constituted and notified by Government on 31st March, 1997 for a period of three years was dissolved in 1998;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether 'Code of Procedure' of the Award contain any provision for dissolution of the jury prematurely;

(d) if so, what are these provisions and the circumstances under which the jury can be dissolved prematurely; and

(e) whether dissolution of the jury has not disrupted the time schedule for finalisation of this prestigious National Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No Sir. The Government does not constitute and notify these bodies of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) to (e) The question does not specify any awad. In absence of this material information in the question, the question can not be replied.

Schemes for Tribals of Hilly Areas of Assam

3033. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes implemented by Government for the tribals living in the hilly areas of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of achievements made in the State;

(c) whether Government have prepared a special package for the tribals in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached, *(see* below).

(c) and (d) The Governemnt have given priority for the tribals of the North-Eastern region including Assam and 10% of the total budget allocation was earmarked for the development of the North-Eastern states. However, no special package has been prepard specifically for the tribals of Assam.

Statement

SI. No.	Name of Scheme	Amount released during		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
		(Rs. in lakhs)		
1.	Grants under first proviso to Article 275(i) of the Constitution (Plan)	315.00	305.00	210.00
2.	Grant of Assam under Second Proviso to Article 275(i) of the Constitution (Non-Plan)	13.33	13.33	13.33
3.	Boys' Hostels for Scheduled Tribes	16.00	16.00	30.00